

**PUBLIC ACTS, 1999**

**CHAPTER NO. 302**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1290**

**By Representatives Ulysses Jones, John DeBerry**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1519**

**By Senator Ford**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 16, relative to the sale of unclaimed or abandoned vehicles that have been impounded.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-16-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as subdivision (7):

(7) "Possession" as used in §55-16-108(e) shall be construed to mean either physical possession or constructive possession by a unit of government. Physical possession means seizure and physical custody by a unit of government. Constructive possession shall be determined by the power and intent of a unit of government to control.

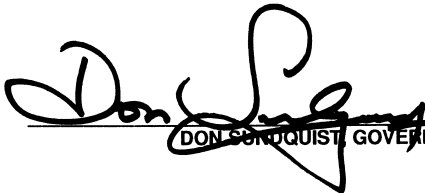
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 17, 1999**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 26th day of May 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR